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For: **SCOOPED LACROSSE HEAD**

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**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION IN THE
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I, David Morrow, hereby declare and state as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and have a home address of 28454 Wellington, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334.
2. I am the President of Warrior Lacrosse, Inc. assignee of the subject patent application identified above, and am one of the name inventors of this application.

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3. I am one of the co-inventors of U.S. Patent No. 5,568,925 along with Phillip Naumburg and am also one of the Applicants of the present application for reissue.
4. The lacrosse head disclosed and claimed in the subject patent application was conceived by Phillip Naumburg and me, and was reduced to practice by us, in the United States, prior to August 2, 1994, which is the effective date of the prior art MacNeil patent (5,494,297).
5. Enclosed with this Declaration, and identified as Exhibit A, is a true copy of an advertisement that appeared in a publication in the United States, which was published prior to August 2, 1994. The advertisement illustrates a complete lacrosse head in accordance with the subject patent application. The advertisement illustrates Warrior's first commercial embodiment of its patented head, which was identified by the trademark COBRA.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that theses statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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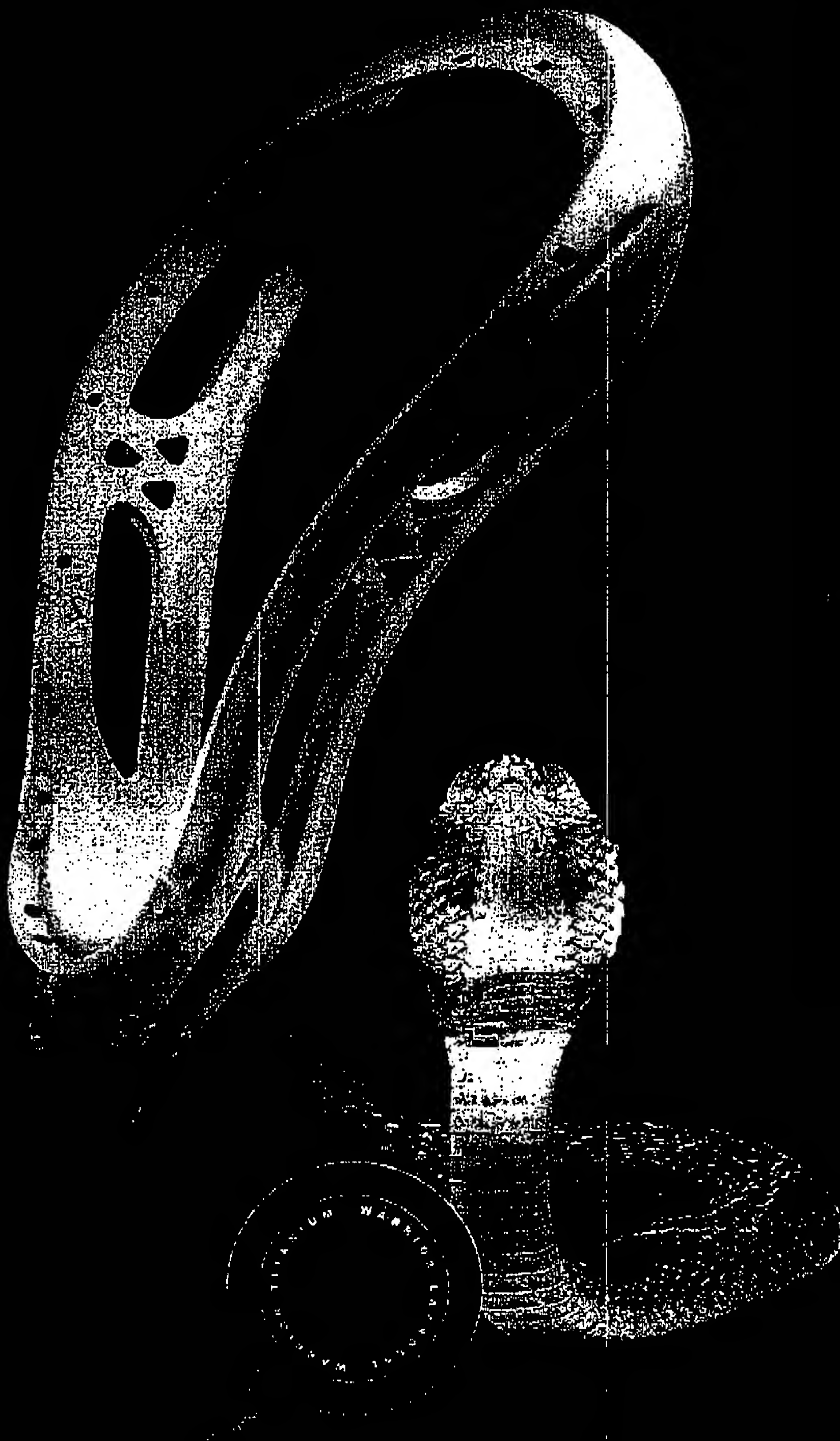
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